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TO ALL MEMBERS:

OFFICIAL CUA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING NOTICE

A meeting of the CUA Executive Board which is composed of delegates from each affiliate union is scheduled as follows:

City—Washington, D. C.

Hotel—Ambassador Hotel

Dates—Thursday, April 13, Friday, April 14, and Saturday, April 15, 1961 (if necessary).

Meeting Time—9:30 a.m.

Meeting Room—See Hotel Bulletin Boards

This will be a most important meeting and you are requested to have your union represented to take part in the legislative program that will be drafted and submitted to members of Congress, as well as other matters in the operation of the National Union.

Also at this time, representatives of your union will have the opportunity to meet many members of Congress as well as contacting their congressmen from their various states pertaining to matters in their respective localities that directly affect every member of your union.

A block of rooms have been set aside for this meeting, but it is urgent that you make individual room reservations directly to the Ambassador Hotel, stating you are attending the CUA Executive Board meeting in order to be sure of hotel accommodations.

We look forward to meeting with representatives from your union.

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President of Kaiser Likes Strong Unions

Edgar F. Kaiser, president of Kaiser Industries, sailed into the question of strong unions—and said in Chicago that his company prefers them.

Kaiser Industries, he said, likes to deal with unions "strong enough to speak the real will of the employees and to vigorously promote their welfare — and strong enough to up-hold right-dealing."

Kaiser, 52, heads an industrial empire that makes more than 300 products. He spoke in the Morrison Hotel at the John A. Ryan Forum, sponsored by the Catholic Council on Working Life.

"We must trust that when a company is not fighting its employees, their unions in time will become responsive to good faith," he said.

"The true objective of collective bargaining is to reach un-

derstandings, arrive at fair contracts instead of strikes, establish harmony instead of running warfare."

KENNEDY SALUTES CANCER CONTROLS FOR SAVING MILLION

President Kennedy proclaimed April as cancer control month.

The President said in a proclamation that it is clear to all who battle this disease that the solution of the problem of cancer will be achieved only by full application of control measures now known and of those yet to be developed.

He said it is essential to the nation's health for people to be aware of efforts to control cancer so that they may avail themselves of these measures.

New Chairman of NLRB Vows Speed, Justice

A new era started on the National Labor Relations Board this week as Frank W. McCulloch was sworn in as chairman. He was administrative assistant to Senator Paul Douglas (Dem., Ill.) in recent years.

He's a lawyer with considerable experience in the labor field. Also, he directed social work for the Congregational Christian Church and served for a while as head of the labor education division of Roosevelt University in Chicago.

Upon assuming his new post, McCulloch declared that "we have much to contribute in fostering collective bargaining and full freedom of association, and in eliminating unfair labor practices." Success in these objectives, he said, will "bolster our nation's and the free world economic strength."

"This vital work can help our country to maintain stability in its employment relations," he added. McCulloch also promised all possible efforts to reduce the board's high backlog of cases and to expedite its work because "delays often defeat justice."

President Names Labor-Industry Advisory Group

President Kennedy last week issued an executive order creating a President's Advisory Committee on Labor-Management Policy and announced the names of the 21 members equally divided between labor, management and the public.

Secretary of Labor Goldberg and Secretary of Commerce Hodges will rotate the chairmanship annually, with Goldberg serving initially as chairman. They will be public members.

Included among the seven labor members are two leaders of unions representing workers on railroads. They are: President George M. Harrison of the Railway Clerks and Joseph Keenan, secretary of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

Balanced Group

The other labor representatives are: AFL-CIO President

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The C.U.A. Executive Board Meeting has been scheduled for Washington, D. C., April 13, 14, and 15, 1961 at the Ambassador Hotel.

This will be an important meeting and all affiliate unions are urged to have their union represented.

The afternoon session starting at 1:30 p.m. will be open to all "Independent" visiting unions.

Secretary of Labor Arthur Goldberg has been invited to attend. To be sure of hotel accommodations, you are asked to send them in as soon as possible.

Financial Reports Due by the End of March

All local unions with fiscal year ending December 31, 1960, are required to have financial reports filed within the ninety day grace period which expires March 31, 1961.

Two copies of Form LM2 or LM3 which ever is appropriate for your organization is required to be mailed to the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Management Reports, John L. Holcombe, Commissioner, Washington, D. C.

N.L.R.B. Reconsiders Dues Authorization Ruling

In October of 1960, Board Members, Jenkins, Kimball and Fanning ruled (with Members Rodgers and Chairman Leedom not participating) that a contract does not serve as a bar for an election to be called for by another union whereas the members in canceling his dues check off authorization had to

notify both the union and the company to stop collection of his dues.

At that time it was ruled that only contracts with check off authorizations with notice to the employer only would serve as a bar to an election.

After many protests from unions and others the Board has reconsidered their previous ruling and has now ruled that contracts with notice to both employer and union will serve as an election bar and that it is not unduly burdensome upon the members to have to notify the union and company when revoking his dues authorization.

N.L.R.B. Changes

Frank W. McCulloch of Illinois is appointed new chairman of the Board. Mr. McCulloch has been administrative assistant to Senator Douglas (D-Ill.) since 1949. He replaces

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75,000 Welfare and Pension Reports Due April First

Labor Secretary Arthur J. Goldberg today reminded the administrators of welfare and pension plans that annual financial reports are required by law to be filed with the Department of Labor no later than April 1.

About 75,000 plans, more than half the total on file with the Department of Labor, have fiscal years ending December 31. Annual reports of their financial operations are required under the Welfare and Pension Plans Disclosure Act to be filed

within 120 days of the end of their fiscal year, or by April 1. The Act contains no provision for granting extensions of time for filing or for excusing late filing.

Financial reporting forms (D-2) for these plans were sent to administrators last November. Requests for additional forms, or for information on the Act, should be addressed to: Division of Welfare and Pension Reports, Bureau of Labor Standards, U.S. Department of Labor, 916 G Street, N. W., Washington, D.C.

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ple.
3. To be vigilant in protect-
ing the gains made by working
people through their Unions in
recent years.
4. To be active in obtaining
for Labor, a greater share of
the fruits of our production.
5. To further the organiza-
tion and growth of independent
Labor Unions.
6. To do all these things in
the American way; that is by
lawful and free Constitutional
Government.

'Closed Shop' In Hospitals

Additional light on "closed
shop" practices in the medical
field is cast by Look Magazine
in an article entitled "Why
Hospitals Lock Out Doctors,"
carried in its Jan. 17 issue.

The article reveals that
"nearly half the physicians in
the United States are unable to
treat patients in a hospital." Sometimes, it's because they
don't meet the professional
standards set, but often; the
article says, it's because existing
doctors on hospital staffs want
to maintain their own little
"monopolies."

Also, frequently "the hospital
may require that the applicant
be a member of certain medical
societies and specialty groups"
—in other words, he must be-
long to affiliates of the Ameri-
can Medical Association, the
"doctors' union."

Kennedy On Wage Levels

Besides the step-up in the
minimum wage, first to \$1.15,
then to \$1.25 over a two-year
period, President Kennedy pro-
posed that several million new
workers be covered and that
they start at a one-dollar mini-
mum. He said this wage floor
would be increased gradually to
the \$1.25 level.

In addition to reducing the
Federal Housing Administra-
tion interest rate, President
Kennedy said he is asking the
Federal Home Loan Bank
Board to exert its efforts to
bring about lower rates on
home loans generally.

He also said the construction
of sewer, water and public
buildings projects in smaller
cities will be encouraged by
liberalizing the loan program of
the Community Facilities Ad-
ministration. In this connec-
tion, he said he has telegraphed
the mayors of 297 cities, urging
that they review their urban re-
newal projects to find ways of
hastening the completion of
what he termed these vital civic
improvements.

The government now pro-
vides aid for dependent chil-
dren if their fathers are dead,
disabled or have deserted the
family. President Kennedy
wants Congress to amend the
law to include children of the
needy unemployed.

Helps Cities

President Kennedy noted he
already has asked Congress for
a federal program to help cities
having chronic unemployment.
He urged that area redevelop-
ment legislation be enacted
without delay.

The President said he has
ordered the heads of all govern-
ment agencies to review their
procurement and construction
plans with a view to speeding
them up wherever possible, and
to give priority to action which
will have an early effect on un-
employment. He also has direct-
ed agency heads to prepare lists
of going public works which
could be speeded up quickly if
funds were provided, and of
needed projects which might be
accelerated or started on short
notice.

The President also has given
orders that the entire balance of
federal-aid highway funds for
the fiscal year ending June 30
be made available immediately.
The sum is 724 million dollars.

President Kennedy also said
he has asked the Pentagon and
the Labor Department to take
prompt steps to improve the
machinery by which federal
contracts can be fed to firms in
cities having high unemploy-
ment.

Quote of The Week

"There is every hope and ex-
pectation that with adequate
preventive measures the present
slump in business activity and
the increase in unemployment
can be reversed . . . Congress
has the duty of doing every-
thing it possibly can to hasten
the reversal. Aside from the
human suffering involved in
the widespread unemployment,
it simply costs too much in
terms of lost tax revenues and
increased welfare costs for pres-
ent conditions to be tolerated
one day longer than necessary."
—U. S. Rep. Elizabeth Kee of
West Virginia.

EDITORIAL

COSTS

There's no more free lunch
and nobody knows it better
than union members. When
President Kennedy asks for
legislation, we know that it will
cost money. We also know that
union members are going to
help foot the bills. Naturally,
we don't want our money wasted;
on the other hand, we don't
want to pass up a good thing.

There's a recession on. Al-
ready it has cost the American
people about twenty billion
dollars in lost wages and lost
salaries. Already it has cost busi-
ness about five billion dollars
in lost profits. Already it has
cost the Government about
three billion dollars in lost
taxes. This recession is serious.

In the recession of 1957 and
1958, this nation did nothing.
The Administration sat tight;
the then Secretary of Labor of-
fered to eat his hat if layoffs
continued into October. They
let nature take its course. Some
people thought this was the way
to save money.

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Federal deficit in the peace-
time history of the United
States, a deficit of more than
twelve billion dollars in the
1959 fiscal year. That's what a

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Where Key Bills Stand

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more clearly last week on the
Kennedy Administration's ma-
jor economic and humanitarian
bills. Developments divided
them into two groups — those
facing powerful and bitter op-
position and those having com-
paratively easy going. Of the

do-nothing program cost the
Government. What it cost the
people in lost wages and salar-
ies, what it cost business in lost
profits, ran to many times
twelve billion dollars.

Because nothing was done,
the business recovery from the
1957-58 recession wasn't strong
enough and the present reces-
sion coming so soon after the
last one is now compounding
the cost.

At a luncheon of business-
men the other day, President
Kennedy pointed out that the
expected loss in Federal taxes
alone is enough to pay for the
Legislative program, with
enough left over to pay for
closing the missile gap.

In Government, as in any-
thing else, there are times when
you have to spend a nickel to
make a nickel. By spending now
to boost purchasing power, the
Government can help put the
country back on its feet, get
people back to work and cut its
own deficit.

Sensible action will cost less
than doing nothing, a lot less
than waiting until another mil-
lion people get laid off and
more businesses go bankrupt.

It's up to Congress now.

latter, there are only the follow-
ing two:

Extension of jobless pay —
passed by Senate and previous-
ly approved by House. This
bill now is in conference com-
mittee to iron out differences.

Aid for jobless workers' chil-
dren — passed by House. Sen-
ate awaiting Finance Commit-
tee report.

The legislative status of the
more controversial measures is
as follows:

Minimum wage raise — com-
ing up for debate in House.
Has not come out of Senate
Labor Committee. Conserva-
tive coalition of Northern Re-
publicans and Southern Demo-
crats is pushing drastically wa-
tered-down version.

Aid to depressed areas —
passed last week by Senate. Not
yet scheduled for floor action
in House.

Medical care for Social Secu-
rity and Railroad Retirement
pensioners — no definite de-
velopments except steamed-up
opposition drive by American
Medical Association and its Big
Business allies.

Aid to education — hearings
continue in Senate and House
committees.

Farm aid — conference com-
mittee adopted compromise be-
tween Senate and House ver-
sions of "feed grains" bill. Com-
promise weakens House-passed
penalties for farmers who do
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National Alert Exercise—April 28-29

Illinois will mobilize for a make-believe war on April 28-29, 1961.

Key officials of governments, industries, and their security forces are asked to participate then in Operation Alert (code named OPAL-61), according to Maj. Gen. J. L. Homer, State Civil Defense Director.

The two-day 8th Annual OPAL Exercise, directed by the President of the U. S., is de-

signed to test the effectiveness of emergency disaster plans, personnel and equipment, at all levels, under a feigned nuclear attack.

Advance OPAL-61 highlights: —A half-hour Conelrad emergency broadcasting test will be conducted the afternoon of April 28, 1961.

—Posed "aggressors" may "invade" local areas to dramatically probe the strength or weak-

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ness of local security against sabotage.

—Federal, State, Regional and local officials will grapple with "attack" problems. Other post-attack phases of OPAL-61 will follow in the fall for State and Federal planners only.

—Monitors (umpires) will be assigned at every level of government to inject problems and determine workability of plans and solutions.

—Illinois may be "scored" by simulated plane-carried bombs, or missiles, or a combination of both. Exercise participants will not know locations of "hit" areas until "strikes" occur on "D" Day, April 28th.

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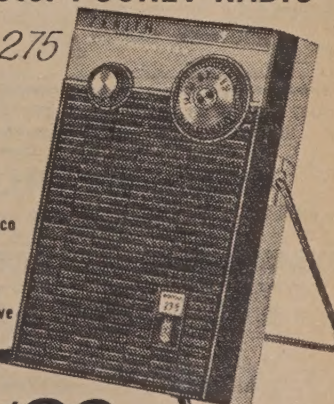
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Dear Mr. Fulton:

It was extremely pleasant talking to you on the phone and most gratifying to learn of your interest in Little City and your desire to help us publicity-wise. The enclosed pictures and literature pretty well tell the Little City story, and I will supplement this with just a paragraph or so to bring our story up-to-date.

At this time, we have reached our capacity enrollment of sixty youngsters. We cannot accommodate more until we become fortunate enough to be enabled to construct the first wing of a school building, as we are in dire need of additional classroom space. It is intended that part of the school, when constructed, will be used as a temporary infirmary and medical quarters. Little City is dependent on the community for support, inasmuch as parents pay according to their ability. The Foundation is obligated to make up a monthly deficit of approximately \$12,000. Since our school has been in operation for only eighteen months, we are not, as yet, eligible for state and federal grants. We hope to qualify for some of these in the near future.

I assure you that any assistance you may be able to render Little City will be deeply appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact me.

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Board Meeting—

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Arthur A. Kimball on the board.

The other four members of the National Board is former Chairman Boyd Leedom who stepped down from the chairman ship, Senior Member Philip Ray Rodgers, Roger Fanning and Gerald A. Brown of Calif., former regional director at San Francisco since 1947 who was also appointed by President Kennedy to replace Joseph A. Jenkins, who resigns March 28, 1961. Mr. Jenkins' term was to expire in August and he is scheduled to take the post of Regional Director of the New Albuquerque, N. Mex. Office.

New Director of Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service

Mr. William E. Simkin is appointed by President Kennedy as National Director of Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

Mr. Simkin a well known arbitrator was at one time associate member of the War Labor Board and past president of the National Academy of Arbitrators.

N.L.R.B. Investigation Chairman Dent (D-Pa.) has been selected as chairman of the House Labor Committee to investigate and probe the N.L.R.B.

Heading the agenda is investigation of N.L.R.B. decisions handed down between 1950 and 1960 as to being biased, unfair, inconsistent or reversing prac-

tices that were established previously.

Unfair practice and representation cases being delayed.

Free speech of the Taft Act as to the rulings issued by the Board.

Use of injunction as to employees rights.

Amendments to the Taft Act as to repeal of the provision permitting states to prohibit union shop contracts.

Retire At 50 Years and 15 Years Service

Faced with a surplus of manpower this coming August of approximately 350 employees, (Esso) Humble Oil & Refining Co., at Baton Rouge, La. has agreed with the Independent Industrial Workers Association to offer retirement to those employees between the ages of 50 and 65 with no less than fifteen years service.

It was also agreed to give each employee selecting early retirement the equivalent of approximately two (2) years or more additional service. For example an employee of fifty years of age would be paid what his pension annuities would have purchased at 52 years of age.

Settlement Reached

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ing windows and doors blown out with the walls buckled.

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The Census Bureau reports the nations population has increased by three million in 1960 and is now up to a figure of 182.2 million.

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"My partner, Barney Dahl, and I noted that our nation's economy is of prime concern to the Kennedy administration in Washington. We know that building is a key industry. Promoting home sales and construction means promoting prosperity. We reasoned that if we could make buying terms more lenient, we could sell more houses, put more people to work at our development in Hanover Park, helping to spur business activity to the extent of several million dollars just on our part—thus contributing our share to injecting more vitality in our nation's economy and to creating prosperity!"

Dahl, who professes to be a Republican and Teolis who states he is a Democrat, agreed to close ranks behind the new president with the slogan, "Let's all help John F. Kennedy stimulate the economy!"

"The \$95 offer is made possible under a new Veterans' Administration rule adopted last December which allows builders to pay closing costs on behalf of the veteran home buyer," said Teolis. "We feel we are making home ownership possible for veterans purchasers who are otherwise qualified but cannot raise even the closing costs connected with the home purchase because of unexpected

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The Hanover Park development in northwest Cook county consists of some seven hundred homes, — a 24-store, 2½ million dollar shopping center — and a group of five apartment buildings containing 16 two bedroom units each.

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President Names

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George Meany and Presidents Walter Reuther of the Auto Workers; David Dubinsky, Ladies Garment Workers; David J. McDonald, Steel Workers; and Thomas Kennedy, United Mine Workers.

Others named to the committee were:

For the public—Ralph McGill, Editor, The Atlanta Constitution; George Taylor, Professor of Labor Relations, University of Pennsylvania; Clark Kerr, Chancellor, University of California; Arthur Burns, former chairman of President Eisenhower's Council of Economic Advisers; and David Cole, a well-known arbitrator.

For management — Thomas

Watson, president, International Business Machines; Joseph Block, president, Inland Steel Co.; Henry Ford II, board chairman of Ford Motor Co.; J. S. Love, board chairman, Burlington Mills; John Franklin, president, United States Lines; Richard Reynolds, president, Reynolds Aluminum Co.; and Elliott V. Bell, editor, Business Week. The business members are known as "moderates."

Sets Tasks

In his order, Kennedy asked the committee to study and advise him with respect to programs that will promote "free and responsible" collective bargaining; industrial peace, sound wage and price policies, higher standards of living and increased productivity.

He also directed the group to

study the benefits and problems of automation and policies designed to strengthen the position of American products in world markets.

The labor members hailed the new committee as far superior to and better balanced than a labor-management setup created by former President Eisenhower. Meany told newsmen

that labor would in no way use the committee as a group. The whole aim would be to reach labor-industry agreement on aims, and the job of the public members would be to help in that respect, Meany said.

Also, Meany and other labor members voiced confidence that the committee would not be used as any instrument for hold-

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FULTON: Hello, Staniec, this is Chester Fulton. One question which keeps coming up at our Union meetings is, "How much am I going to get from Social Security?" I wish you could give me an answer I could pass on to our members.

STANIEC: Estimating benefits before actual retirement is pretty tricky, and of course, we can't give the exact amount until an application is completed and the payment is figured. But you can estimate what you would get right now, in the event you became disabled, or what would be payable in survivors' benefits.

FULTON: That would help our members a lot, since most of us do have families and have to do some planning for the future.

STANIEC: First, pick one of two starting dates to use in figuring your benefits. Take either 1937 or 1951. Usually we use the years beginning with 1951, because wages have been higher since then.

FULTON: We have a good many young workers who were born in the 1930's. What starting date do they use?

STANIEC: A young worker uses the year he reaches age 22, if that year was after 1950, to start his benefit computation, otherwise he will use 1951.

FULTON: Then do you list your total earnings for all the years up to present?

STANIEC: Yes, you show your total earnings for each year, up to the maximum amount we record. For example, suppose you had always

earned \$5000. Our records would show \$3000 from 1937 through 1950, \$3600 from 1951 through 1954, \$4200 from 1955, and \$4800 from 1959 on. Only those amounts were taxable during each of the periods.

FULTON: I've been making my list while we were talking. I had wondered what you meant by "maximum amounts", so I'm glad to know that there is a limit on the amount on which we pay Social Security.

STANIEC: Now from your list, drop the five years of lowest earnings, or five years when we recorded at lower levels. You should have at least five years left for your computation. Next, add the total earnings in these years.

FULTON: Do you mean my total earnings, or total taxable earnings?

STANIEC: Thanks for catching that point. Include only your total taxable earnings which are covered by Social Security. A person may have income from various sources besides his wages, such as bank interest or real estate rental, but not all of this income is covered. When you're figuring your benefits, you show only earnings covered by Social Security.

FULTON: All right, I have my total figure from adding my highest years. What's the next step?

STANIEC: Now you divide

by the number of years you used to get your average yearly earnings.

FULTON: I've come up with \$4440. What would that pay me?

STANIEC: Your benefit payment would be \$120 per month. Incidentally, that is the most we pay a worker this year, but the rates will be changing during the next several years.

FULTON: Let's take the case of a young worker who dies this year, after making \$4800. Suppose he leaves a wife and two young children. What will his family get?

STANIEC: The most we pay a family group is \$254 monthly. The widow should also get a one-time death payment of \$255.

FULTON: Those amounts haven't changed for several years, have they?

STANIEC: That's right. However, the amounts paid to children of deceased workers have been increased. Each child now receives $\frac{3}{4}$ of the amount payable to the worker. If the widow should remarry and still have several children under age 18, the children's payments would still total the maximum.

FULTON: I've heard that you have a postcard we can use to check our earnings.

STANIEC: Yes, you can get the card, called a "Request for Statement of Earnings" from your nearest Social Security office. Our central accounting office will send totals from 1937 and from 1951 to date, and will give a breakdown of the last three year's earnings. Also, they will tell you how many work credits, which we call quarters of coverage, that you have earned.

FULTON: Do you have a publication that tells how to estimate benefits?

STANIEC: Yes, a pamphlet called "How to Estimate Your Social Security Payments," OASI-30, was issued recently.

FULTON: Thanks much. I'll call again soon. Goodbye.

STANIEC: I'll look forward to hearing from you again. Goodbye.

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